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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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Date of Interview: 27 March 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ishihata et al., Patent No. 5,278,975.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant pointed out that Ishihata only uses a series of registers, which are merely hardwares, to control when processes may move to the next release state. However, with the proposed amended claim, it requires a separated dedicated process, which is software, to control the release state. The Examiner will have to do a further search on this limitation.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Lewis A. Bullock, Jr./

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